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SIR,

MY love and reſpect unto you. I have collected ſome materiall paſſages as I have writ you before, Captain *Piggot* hath redeemed his credit, and took a Bark with 2 great guns, and many Muskettiers which fled aſhore; and now the ſaid Captain and 2 other ſhips lieth upon Lincolnſhire ſhore ſide, ſo that no Fortifications can be made there as hath been attempted, to hinder paſſage up to *Hull*. And as I have writ you, we have taken many Cavaliers and brave horſes, and ſome money, we took one horſe worth an 100. l. Our townſmen ſtand all bravely to their buſineſſe; and thoſe that were malignants before, are now cured, and ſee their former error, and now ſtrive who ſhould be moſt forwards and valiant: at firſt theſe things were ſomething troubleſome unto us, and moſt to our women, but now God be praiſed, we have better ſpirits, and the truth is, if Sir *John* would give way, we would ſallie forth upon them,

them, and (my life for it) we remove the siege, for the Countrey have no mind to fight against us, and the peoples hearts of the Countrey do much incline to us, and divers would come into our town to help us, if they could come safely; but if any come, they seaſe upon their means. We have information of their proceedings every night; they have robbed Mr *Leggeds* houſe, and taken away all he hath; and they have robd Mr *Hothams* houſe, and have taken a brave horſe from him which he is troubled for, but he hath a brave horſe in liew of him: they have rob'd Sir *John Hothams* houſe which is about eight miles from our Town.

The Countrey people complain miſerably that they injoy nothing that they have, that *Candebed* men and *Catingham* men and *Newland* men they ſay they dare not be ſeen to read a good book; but he that doth not baniſh God and good men, he is no companie for the Cavaliers.

Not to omit the Cavaliers have planted 3 peices of Ordnance at *Haſſel* to hinder any paſſage by water, and a Keel coming towards us, the principall gunner ſhot at her and miſſed, he ſwore God damne him if he did not ſink her the next ſhot: and the Peice brake in peeces and killed the Gunner and ſome others.

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They have of late ſent to Sir *John* for the horſe and men he had taken, but he returnd anſwer that upon good and fair terms he would deliver them, that was horſe for horſe, and man for man; and to begin, if they would be pleaſed to ſend the horſe that was taken from his ſonne, he would ſend any horſe for him. And ſo Mr *Hothams* horſe was ſent him, and the brave horſe I writ you of, was ſent in exchange.

There hath ſince a Knight been ſent from the King to Sir *John*, that offereth a generall pardon if he will deliver the Town. But Sir *John* ſaith he will not betray the truſt repoſed in him: if the Parliament order him to deliver up the Town he will deliver, otherwiſe he cannot.

We manned out of our Town ſome fire-locks and ſome ſmall Barks with 150 Muskettiers, and they went to viſit the Cavaliers at *Berton*, and at the landing of our men the watch fled away, ſo they took away all the boats out of Harbour, and what elſe was there, and came away.

Beverly, the 29 *July*. 1642.

Sir,

YOu being so affectionately compassionate with our friends in *Hull*, I could not but acquaint with my first intelligence of their good successe. This last week they issued out upon their besiegers about some 500. which when they saw they began to prepare themselves for an encounter, exhorting each other to stand to it and look to themselves; The Countrey people bid the Cavaliers look to themselves, these (say they) are our friends will not hurt us: which so amazed the Cavaliers and desperadoes, that they thought their best weapons were their heels, and fairly run away to *Beverly*. But for all their hast, Sir *John* took 30. and killed two. The King presently call'd a Councell of War to treat that he would pursue no further: who gave him answer he must do as he saw convenient: then the King and Cavalry laying the fault upon the unskilfulnesse of the Countrey Captains, thought to remedie the businesse by sending an *Irish* old Captain to command them, who coming to the Souldiers with the Kings pleasure that he should lead them, they asked whether he were a *Yorkshire* man, and he saying no; they asked him what he had to do to command them, so beat him and sent him back again. I should have writ you that in this skirmish they took Captain *Dacuems* Colours from him, and set them upon a Turret in the Town. This is all, I rest,

Your affectionate friend.

WE have no good news save onely good help comes from you: since a few men came from London, Sir *John* hath sent the Kings Army a Message that caused the most

moſt of the Leaguer to run away, at leaſt 21. ſlain, and 15. taken priſoners. The Kings Magazine was fired at the ſame broyl, at a part of the Leaguer called *Ayuelebie*, within 3. miles of *Hull*. This diſaſter happened to the great amazement of the Cavaliers: yea they who were ſo confident of their victory againſt *Hull*, who moſt bitterly curſed Sir *John Hotham*, and in conceit would cut him in ſippits, within 3. dayes theſe brave or rather baſe ſpirits are now forced to ſay, that Sir *John* is worthy commendations for his fidelity.

York 29 *July*. 1642.

Poſtſcript.

The King hath beat up his Drums but none cometh in here, he beats his Drums, but not a man: and of late the King hath ſent for to view our Army, and that he may have 80. Muskettiers to guard his perſon, but it was anſwered they could not go out of the City. You ſhall have incloſed the note of the proviſion in *Hull*.

York 29. of *July*. 1642.

YOur Letter I received and books, for which I thank you: news here upon Wedneſday at night laſt, Sir *John Hotham* ſent out 300. foot Souldiers and ſome 60. horſe unto a place called *Hulbe* 3. miles of *Hull*, where Captain *Dunkam*, lay with his Company, where Sir *John Hothams* men ſet on fire a barn wherein was ſome gunpowder and other materials: this day Sir *Henry Slingsbe* took the view of our Arms in the City both common and private, and deſires 80. Muskettiers for the Kings guard: this night the Earl of *Leiſter* is come to Town with a great Company, we live in great fears: and in this Citie many are grown careleſſe:

leſſe in the worſhip and ſervice of God, The Lord in mercy think thoughs of mercy to our Kingdom. The next Thurſday the Gentry is to come in, and the Papiſts to bring in their horſes: but not to find themſelves as is ſaid. So deſiring to be remembred of you as is our duty one for another, will reſt yours.

A true relation of that Proviſion in Hull *moſt neceſſarie.*

Rye 14 thouſand quarters, beſides private proviſion.
Wheat 500. quarters, beſides the Kings and private proviſion.
Beans, 7000. quarters at leaſt, beſides private proviſion.
Oates 7000. quarters, beſides private.
Mault 200. quarters beſides private proviſion.
Oatmeal 80. quarters, beſides private.
Fiſh as much as will ſerve this ſeven yeers.
Wine 1000. Tun. Beare proviſion for 12. Moneths.
Water as much as is needfull, one Well in twelve houres time ſprung ten foot water; alſo divers Wels diſcovered that hath not been uſed this 39. yeers, ſo that there is no want of freſh water, nor hath there been the leaſt complaint as yet of one poore man, woman or child in the Town for want of proviſion; God hath miraculouſly provided ſtore of freſh water (beſides the Wels in the Town, and the freſh River at low water) eſpecially in a place within their out-works, without the wals, ſo that there is a place called Buſh-dike being ſixtie yards in length, and ten yards broad, the which hath in one night ſprung a foot plumme height, and was never known to ſpring before.

This is a true Relation.

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A True RELATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM YORK and BEVERLEY.

Shewing

The great power and ſtrength there raiſed againſt the *Parliament* and *Hull*, under the command of the Lord of *Carnarvon*, the Lord *Rich*, Colonell *Fielding*, Colonell *Lunsford*, Capt. *Butler*, &c.

Alſo

The bountie of the Clergie, and of the Gentrie in York-ſhire, tending to the encreaſing and managing of theſe unhappie Proceedings.

Likewiſe ſome Rehearſall of Biſhop *Williams* his Sermon before the King, *July* 24. And of the great hurt that the great Recuſant, Mr. *Beckwith* hath received by Sir *John Hotham*.

Sent in a Letter from *Beverley*, to a Citizen of good worth in *London*.

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